



教育部青年發展署
Youth Development Administration, Ministry of Education

YOUTH GLOBAL PARTICIPATION AND HUMANITARIANISM SEMINAR

Taipei, Republic of China
October 11th - October 18th, 2016

OFFICIAL INVITATION

Dear madam and sir,

On behalf of the Youth Development Administration, Ministry of Education, Republic of China, we would like to formally invite a delegation (6–8 members, including 1 youth affairs officer who will be in charge of the delegation, and 5–7 young people age 18–25.) from your organization to participate in the Youth Global Participation and Humanitarianism Seminar being held from October 11 to 18, 2016, in Taipei, Republic of China, to promote youth affairs exchange.

Your country has made giant strides in many fields, especially in youth public participation. Like you, the Youth Development Administration has constructed a vision for the development of our young people, to help them develop holistically in positive ways. We are energetically involved in youth development policy work, youth career guidance promotion, public participation, international participation, experiential learning, and other youth development programs. (For more details, please see our website <http://www.yda.gov.tw>)

Although your esteemed organization and the Youth Development Administration are oceans apart, we both care for youth. Hence, we are fully confident that the event will be fulfilling and effectively strengthen the relationship between our organizations. We are sure that this international youth exchange event will allow us to make more friends with people from around the world.

We have arranged a series of activities between October 11 and October 18, as well as the seminar itself (details are attached). For example, in-depth discussions for the youth from various countries to participate in the breakout sessions; and visits to youth organizations



and travel spots of the Youth Development Administration. We expect that the farewell dinner with performances by the young international guests will be a major highlight of the seminar!

Key information about the seminar:

- The official language of the seminar is English.
- We will provide full hospitality, including scheduled activities, accommodation, insurance, meals, and transportation, during your stay in the Republic of China, but the participants are responsible for their travel expenses to and from the Republic of China.
- Each national delegation should consist of 6–8 people: 1 youth affairs officer who will be in charge of the delegation, and 5–7 young people aged between 18 and 25 who have all had experience in public participation, international humanitarianism, etc.
- The 5–7 young people should prepare a 5-minute national cultural performance to present at the farewell dinner.
- Preparation for the seminar:

A. National Culture Exhibition

A booth with a notebook computer will be provided for each country in the seminar venue to promote its culture and youth policies. Each delegation will prepare showpieces in advance, set up the stand the evening before the seminar, and present them after registration in the first morning of the seminar. The showpieces can be delivered to Taiwan in advance if necessary.

B. Workshop Presentation

The “Workshop” is a breakout session that is devoted to the discussion of the 3 core topics of the seminar. Each topic will be presented by one delegation in the first hour of the session and then by another delegation in the second hour of the session for 30 minutes each. A 30-minute discussion on the topic will follow each presentation. The 3 topics will continue to be discussed during the next day’s “World Café” breakout session, and the results of the discussion will be presented as “The Youth Declaration”. (For more details, please refer to the attached Seminar Program”)



The following explains the concept of the topics. Please indicate the preference of the topic that your delegation would like to present on. The topics will be assigned by the preference.

Topics	Preference	Description
The Cost of Inaction: Youth Participation in Environmental Change		<p>Background: The legacy youth will inherit from their previous generation not just wealth and technology but also the environment they live in. Youth will take the baton and continue the mission to save the world. Participants are encouraged to discuss the causes, the dangers, and the solutions of environmental change from different perspectives.</p> <p>Presentation Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The real-life examples of the effort the youth in your country put into stopping environment/climate change. ■ The available resources for which the youth in your country can do. <p>Discussion Suggestion: The discussion can focus on the challenges, solutions, and the areas the youth could act upon regarding this topic.</p>
Build Bridges, Not Walls: The Role of Youth in Narrowing the Gap between the Rich and the Poor		<p>Background: Phenomenon of “the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer” is exacerbated in the world of globalization. Participants are encouraged to discuss its cause, the problems associated with it, and the solutions in aspects such as technology, education, resource redistribution, volunteer service, and policy reform.</p> <p>Presentation Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The real-life examples of the effort the youth in your country put into reducing the gap between the rich and the poor and solving the problems created by wealth inequality. ■ The available resources for which the youth in your country to act upon. <p>Discussion Suggestion: The discussion can focus on the challenges, solutions, and the areas the youth could work on regarding this topic.</p>
The Power of		<p>Background:</p>



<p>the New Social Media Generation that Moves the World</p>		<p>Social media connects people who share the same ideas regardless of their distance and borders. It enables voices to be heard and gives the powerless a chance to defeat the powerful. Participants are encouraged to discuss real-life examples of how youth in different countries applied social media in community and public affairs participation, why they succeeded or failed, how youth can take advantage of the influence of social media to solve today's global problems, and how the resources in the cyber world and the physical world can be integrated to strengthen the power of social media.</p> <p>Presentation Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The real-life examples of how the youth in your country apply social media in public affairs participation. <p>Discussion Suggestion:</p> <p>The discussion can focus on the challenges, solutions, and the areas the youth could work on regarding this topic.</p>
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Please indicate if you will be able to participate in your response to this invitation and send us the registration form by Jun. 17, 2016. For more information, please contact us at ycl@mail.yda.gov.tw.

Your contribution to the seminar would definitely benefit all the participants.

We look forward to seeing you in Taipei!

Sincerely,

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